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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:      Kenneth R. Owens, et al.  
Serial No.:                09/692,885  
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Confirmation No.         6112  
Group Art Unit:          2616  
Examiner:                Warner Wong  
Title:                    METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING  
                             MPLS NETWORK FAILURES

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of this Application to allow the Examiner to consider an Information Disclosure Statement and the documents cited therein.